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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Dublin – Federal Prison Guard Charged with Sexual Abuse at Women’s Prison

(U) A federal corrections officer has been criminally charged for allegedly sexually abusing two incarcerated women while he worked at the all-female federal correctional institution. Ross Klinger, 36, was charged with sexual abuse of a ward, a federal offense that carries up to 15-years in prison. The allegations include sexually abusing both women on prison grounds and later meeting one at a halfway house. The complaint was unsealed after Klinger’s first court appearance yesterday morning.

SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [Mercury News](#)

(U) Los Angeles – 17 Injured, 1 Arrest in Explosion During Illegal Fireworks Bust

(U) Seventeen people, including 10 law enforcement officers, were injured and several cars and houses were damaged Wednesday night when police attempted to safely detonate illegal explosives seized in South Los Angeles. None of the injuries were life-threatening, and homes did not immediately appear to have serious structural damage, police said. Some residents were asked to leave their homes overnight for the investigation. A 27-year-old man was also arrested, accused of importing the fireworks from out of state with plans to resell them for the Fourth of July weekend. Boxes stacked about 8-feet high containing commercial-grade fireworks were seized, the LAPD said. The explosion in the Historic South-Central neighborhood came around 7:30 p.m., as bomb squad personnel aimed to detonate a confiscated device within an iron-chambered containment vehicle.

SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [NBC LA](#)

(U) Sacramento – California Hate Crimes Up by 31% in 2020

(U) Hate crime in California surged 31% in 2020, fueled mainly by a big jump in crimes targeting Black people during a year that saw the worst racial strife in decades, according to an annual report released by the state’s attorney general. Overall hate crimes increased from 1,015 to 1,330 last year, while the number of victims increased 23%, from 1,247 to 1,536. Black people account for 6.5% of the state’s population of nearly 40 million people but were victims in 30% of all hate crimes, 456 cases overall, up 87% from the previous year.

SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Third Oath Keeper Pleads Guilty to Role in US Capitol Riot

(U) Mobile – An Alabama man pleaded guilty in federal court of having joined with other members of the far-right Oath Keepers in storming the US Capitol in January 2021. Federal prosecutors said Mark Grods, 54, of Mobile, was arrested after agreeing to plead guilty to criminal charges, an unusual move, suggesting that he was already cooperating with investigators. Court documents said he agreed to cooperate going forward with the prosecutors as they work to bring charges against others involved in the riot. He is the third person accused of being an Oath Keeper who has agreed to cooperate.

SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [NBC News](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – Bulletin Warns of Extremist Violence as Pandemic Restrictions Lift

(U) Washington – Federal authorities are concerned about the possibility of domestic terror and violence, including mass shootings, as the Fourth of July holiday approaches and the summer season gets fully underway. A new Homeland Security bulletin warns that violent extremists might seek to exploit easing COVID-19 restrictions, increased access to mass gatherings, and possible changes in levels of violence during the summer months to conduct attacks against a range of potential targets with little or no warning. The intelligence document references the nation's return to normalcy after the pandemic, which means bans on mass gatherings and social distancing restrictions will be largely lifted. SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Minnesota – Six Arrested in Trafficking Operation that Brought California Marijuana to Minnesota

(U) St Paul – Six Twin Cities men have been charged in a sophisticated trafficking operation that federal authorities say may be responsible for importing thousands of pounds of marijuana products into Minnesota in recent years. Criminal investigators for the IRS say the men shipped crates of marijuana by truck from northern California to a warehouse in St. Paul, where they packaged and prepared it for sale. Investigators tracked 61 shipments back and forth from California to Minnesota since 2016, according to an affidavit written by an IRS special agent. SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [Star Tribune](#)

(U) Virginia – US Says Pipe Bomb Found in Home of Ex-Cop Charged in US Capitol Attack

(U) Ferrum – A Virginia man awaiting trial on criminal charges stemming from the 6 January attack on the US Capitol recently procured a pipe bomb and other weapons, a violation of his parole. US Justice Department lawyers said in a court filing that they discovered a loaded M4 rifle and a partially assembled pipe bomb, among other weapons, during a search of Thomas Robertson's home. Prosecutors did not say if Robertson planned to use the weapons, but alleged he recently made comments on an internet forum that suggest he is capable of violence. SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Netherlands – UN War Crimes Court Convicts Two Serbs for Bosnia Atrocities

(U) The Hague – A United Nations court convicted two former allies of late Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic of aiding and abetting crimes committed by Serb paramilitaries in a Bosnian town in 1992. It is the first time that Serbian officials have been convicted by a UN court of involvement in crimes in Bosnia. Jovica Stanisic and Franko Simatovic were convicted of aiding and abetting the crimes of murder, deportation, forcible transfer, and persecution in the town of Bosanski Samac, and each was sentenced to 12-years imprisonment. SOURCE: 30 June 2021, [Associated Press](#)

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